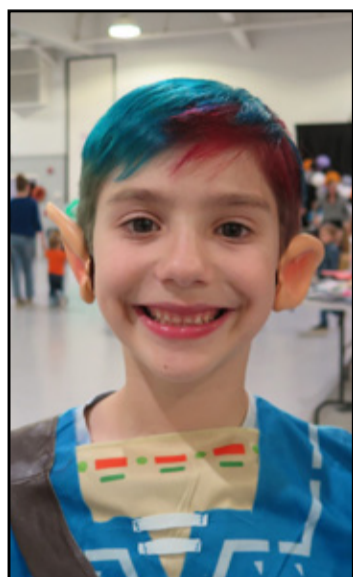


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Levi Bates smile? "Kittens," said the 8-year-old, a third-grade homeschooler. He was dressed up -- from head to toe, including his faked pointed ears -- as Link from the action-adventure game, "Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild." He was found attending the annual Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders Halloween Party at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Could he hear better wearing the large rubber ears? "No, it's just part of the costume," he said grinning. He has a sister, Quinn Bates, 11, who was with him and dressed as a witch at the Halloween party. Their parents are Richard and Stephanie Bates. Levi likes to play outside, "pretty much run around and make noise." Favorite school subject? "I do really like Science." Favorite food? Chicken. Favorite movie? "One of my favorite movies is 'Sonic.' I also like 'Spiderman.'" Read today's Times for more Halloween and fall events.

And Another Few Things...

1. Food Security 5K

This Saturday, at 9 a.m., the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank will host a 5K for food security. The event will be held at Dr. James A. Dillon Park, 5351 Midland Ln. The cost to register is \$35, and registration can be completed at runsignup.com/Race/IN/Noblesville/HamiltonCounty5kforFoodSecurity. The \$35 can be designated to the charity or foundation of your choice. 75% of all funds received will go to organizations serving Carmel, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Sheridan and Westfield. The remaining 25% of funds are given to Church World Services to be used to help address global hunger. The following groups are involved in the collaborative effort to end hunger in Hamilton County: Carmel Christian Church, Carpenter Realtors, Good Samaritan Network, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, Noblesville First United Methodist Church, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Teter Organic Farm and Victory Chapel Community Church.

2. The 'Wurst' of Times

Oktoberfest is back! The fest was postponed for two years due to COVID, much to the chagrin of beer lovers from around the world. The legendary annual German beer celebration has been attracting local and international tourists since 1810, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. In recent years -- prior to the pandemic -- some six to seven million tipplers, ale addicts and hops handlers would gather in Munich each year at about this time for the festivities, downing millions of liters of the brew and devouring millions of bratwursts, bockwursts, weisswursts and any other kind of wurst you desire. The festgoers are back, they are thirsty and hungry. Wunderbar!

3. 'Mallow Magnet

You'd think the judges at Guinness World Records would honor David Rush for the numbers of world records he's broken -- some 250 Guinness records to date, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Most recently he broke the record for catching the most marshmallows in his mouth in one minute -- at least 60 of them. His brother-in-law, Jonathan Hannon, helped him out by operating a makeshift, handheld catapult to deliver the sweet treats at an event in New York City recently to celebrate the launch of the 2023 Guinness Book of World Records.

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Tanya Haas (as Mrs. Savage), Phoebe Aldridge (as Fairy) and Ian Montgomery (as Samuel) rehearse for Main Street Productions' first show of the season, "The Curious Savage," a comedy on stage through Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

Jazz, Soup Cookoff, Fall Fest, Pumpkin Carving, Headless Horseman, More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

The Headless Horseman rides again at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," continues through Saturday in the South Alley and in the Lacey Building in downtown Noblesville. The Hyperion Players brings "Barefoot in the Park" to The Switch stage. Basile Westfield Playhouse's comedy, "The Curious Savage," winds down this weekend. Plus, Noblesville Main Street presents Music & All That Jazz and its Fall Fest, Costume Contest and Soup Cookoff tonight. And Noblesville Preservation Alliance acts out "The War of the Worlds" during two perfor-

mances on Saturday. Here are more details in our list of 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz will feature NHS Jazz Band 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and The FlannelTones 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today on the Courthouse Square, with Fall Fest and Costume Contest, Trick-or-Treating, Spooky Trolley Rides, and Soup Cookoff (Noblesville Lions Club to serve grilled cheese) from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., on the Square. Come in costume and get your photo tak-

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Grand Junction Plaza Receives First-Place Honors at 45th Annual Monumental Awards



Westfield's Grand Junction Plaza received first-place honors at the 45th annual Monumental awards presented by the Indy Chamber. The six-acre downtown park was nominated in the Landscape Architecture category.

The Monumental Awards represent the nine-county

Indianapolis region's highest honor in the built environment. According to the Indy Chamber, winners are selected based on the region's most significant and broadest impact.

According to Westfield Mayor Andy Cook, "This honor represents the vision 15 years ago of the Grand Junction Task Group, dedicated volunteers who pursued the idea of a vibrant urban destination for downtown Westfield. Grand Junction Plaza has fulfilled that ambition and created a place for reflection and serenity. A gathering place for friends

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Deadline for Registering to Vote Approaching Quickly

Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams is reminding those who aren't already registered to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, that they have less than a week to do so.

"If you're not sure whether or not you're currently registered, you can always check online," Williams says. "You'll find everything you need to know at www.indianavoters.in.gov."

In addition to checking your registration status, the website also allows voters to find their voting location, to apply to vote by mail, and to register to vote. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, Oct. 11. In addition to registering online, you can also register by mail or in person.

You can obtain a voter registration form online or from one of the locations listed below:

- Any public library in Hamilton County



County Clerk Kathy Williams

- Any license branch
- Any city or town clerk-treasurer's office, or the
- The Hamilton County Voter

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The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **MEGAN TAYLOR** for subscribing!

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Let's all sing a little ditty and Happy 71st to Hoosier rocker John Mellencamp!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Women aged 65 years or older should have a bone density screening.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"There is a time to take counsel of your fears, and there is a time to never listen to any fear."

-George S. Patton

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What did Dr. Frankenstein get when he put a goldfish brain in the body of his dog?
I don't know, but it's great at chasing submarines.



OBITUARIES

Paul Bernard Hansan June 24, 1967 - October 2, 2022

Paul Bernard Hansan, 55, of Fishers, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022 at his residence.

He was born on June 24, 1967 in Muncie, Indiana, the son of Bernard and Nancy Hansan.

Mr. Hansan graduated from Indiana University Bloomington with a Bachelor of Science in Business in 1989. He was also a member Sigma Nu Fraternity, the Beta Eta chapter.

After graduating, he briefly worked in the golf business in Florida, before moving back to Indiana, where he eventually started a career in sales. Mr. Hansan was very successful, building up his business through his strong work ethic and a tenacious desire to work for himself.

He met his wife Kelly on a blind date, set up by mutual friends in Feb. 2002. Their Catholic faith and love of Indiana University brought them together. The two were married on Jan. 24, 2004 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Mr. Hansan loved the game of golf. He was passionate about the game and traveled around the world to play exclusive courses with many of his friends. He loved sharing the game of golf, making travel plans and setting up tee times, just to make sure his buddies got together. He never boasted about it, but he had made 6 hole in ones during his golf career.

Mr. Hansan also enjoyed traveling with his wife, including a recent trip to Ireland in August. He lived life to the fullest. While he loved golf, he loved his family, friends, and his cats (Charley, Calvin and Hobbes) much more. He was a wonderful friend to so many. He was passionate, loving, generous, caring, and charming. He was charismatic, gentle, thoughtful, encouraging and funny. Mr. Hansan was a coach, leader and mentor; most importantly, he would do anything for his family and friends.

He also had a strong and deep faith in the Lord. He was a faithful parishioner at St. Louis de Montfort in Fishers.

Survivors include his wife of nineteen years Kelly Hansan; sisters Heidi Hansan (Maura Gilday) of Kensington, MD and Aimee (Matt) Parker of Pendleton; nephew Wren Parker; and niece Sydra Parker.

He was preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Nancy Hansan.

A funeral Mass is scheduled to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 in St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas J. Haan officiating, with a Eulogy at 10:15 a.m. Burial will immediately follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. All are encourage to attend a luncheon at St. Louis de Montfort after the burial.

Friends are scheduled to call from 3-7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at the Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary. Additional visitation is scheduled to be held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Louis de Montfort Church (<https://www.osvhub.com/sldmfishers/giving/funds/>) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

Online condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com.

Nelson Todd Hinkle

December 6, 1941 - October 3, 2022

Nelson Todd Hinkle, 80, of Fishers, who lived his life for the sake of the gospel of Christ Jesus, faithfully completed the race marked out for him, peacefully passing from the loving embrace of his family into the arms of his Savior on Monday, Oct. 3, 2022 at Grand Brook Memory Care in Fishers.

He was born on Dec. 6, 1941, to John, Sr. and Lela (Todd) Hinkle in Knox County, Indiana.

Mr. Hinkle's life was defined by humility, humor, and love for Christ and his fellow man. Following the receipt of a bachelor's degree from his beloved alma mater, Taylor University in Upland and a master's degree from the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne his servant's heart and strong work ethic characterized his long career as a middle school teacher (Miracle Hill School & Children's Home in South Carolina, Huntington Community Schools in Huntington, Belzer Middle School in Lawrence Township, and Heritage Christian School in Indianapolis); his joyful service to the local church (Old Bethel United Methodist Church and Northside Baptist Church, both in Indianapolis); and his love and dedication to his wife of almost 50 years and their two daughters and their husbands and children. Out of his passionate zeal for Christ and his love for all people, Mr. Hinkle's never stopped proclaiming the good news of God's salvation, that, "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom. 10:9)

Survivors include his wife Suzanne Hinkle; two daughters Stephanie (Brian) Gambrel and Sarah (Kelly) Jones; three grandchildren Elliott Jones, Graham Jones and Naomi Jones; four siblings Phoebe Ivers, Nancy Cobb, Roger Hinkle and Jack Hinkle; and many nieces, nephews, other family members and dear friends.

He WAS preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers Harlan Hinkle, John Hinkle, Jr., and Jerry Hinkle.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, with services scheduled to immediately follow at 12 p.m. noon, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, with Chaplain David Golden, US Army, Ret. officiating.

The family requests that donations be made in memory of Mr. Hinkle to Taylor University (www.taylor.edu/giving/) or to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/donate).

"I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." - 2 Tim. 4:7

Online condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com.



Porter Lee Stein

April 25, 1963 - October 5, 2022

Porter Lee Stein, 59, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 at his home.

He was born on April 25, 1963 to Roy and Imogene (Dobyns) Stein in Philippi, West Virginia.

Mr. Stein worked for Radio Shack for 30 years and Jackson Hewitt for 6 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville.

He was active with the Boy Scouts and enjoyed anything outdoors, hunting, camping, fishing, and kayaking. Mr. Stein was known for his kind personality and loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his parents; wife Lee Ann Stein; daughter Elizabeth (Kyle) Pfeifer; grandson Charlie Pfeifer; son Tanner Stein; sister Wendy (Jeff) Grimm; and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner Street, in Noblesville. An additional hour of visitation is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022 at the church, with the service scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., with Pastor Eric Gale officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Louisa, Kentucky.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice or Boy Scouts of America, Monon District.

Online condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com.



How Wolfsie's Phone Got Hexed



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

On my way to Pickleball the other day, I realized I did not have my cell phone with me. I panicked at first, but as you may recall from a previous column, my phone is never really lost, it is simply—if I may coin a new application for a perfectly good word—"unfounded."

I was sure when I arrived home it would be exactly where I left it, which is usually where you find things.

In my head, I retraced the last places where I had seen the phone. I remembered loading the car with all my stuff: gym bag, sunglasses, hat, paddle, and, of course, the phone. Well, it must be in the car, I thought. I pulled over, got out, and looked carefully in between the seats, under the seats and in all the side compartments.

I didn't want to be late for my court time, so I got back in the car and headed for the gym. At the first stoplight, I remembered I had a "Find My Phone" app on my Apple Watch. It said the phone was at 96th and Lantern Road. So was I! The light changed and I turned west. Now the watch said the cell was at 96th and Gray Road. Me, too! A few minutes later, we were both at 106th and Westfield. Obviously, the phone was somewhere in my car. But where?

The last time I checked the app, it said the phone was at 111th and Westfield. I was late now, so I played my Pickleball games and bee-lined back to that address afterward. Sure enough, there was my phone—right smack dab in the middle of the street, and except for the protective case, it was

completely smashed to smithereens. I retrieved it and went home, clueless as to how this had all happened.

My wife wasted no time in her analysis. "You were loading the car and had trouble handling everything at once, so you placed the magnet (which has a magnet on the back of the case) on the roof of the car and sped away. Your watch's app tracked the phone as you drove. The phone remained secure for most of your trip, but then you hit a pothole at 111th and Westfield. In a nanosecond, it was dislodged and bounced to the middle of the street."

Wow. Mystery solved. After I thanked Sherlock, I left to buy a new phone.

I showed the destroyed phone to the salesman. "Isn't the protective case guaranteed?"

"Yes, 100% guaranteed."

"But the phone is smashed."

"Sir, we guaranteed the case, not the phone."

I explained how embarrassed I was. "Oh, don't be," he said. "I've had several customers who did dumb things like driving over their phones."

"I'm no dummy," I said. "I did not run over my own phone. Someone else did it for me."

The tech guys were all chuckling at my story and sharing other cell phone misadventures. "Years ago, I had a customer," said one of the employees, "who forgot he had set his phone in the freezer while he needed both hands to retrieve a stuck pint of ice cream from the back."

That made everyone laugh. Except me. It was a very painful memory, since I searched for hours to find that cell phone. And my screen was frozen the rest of the day.

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

'Go Purple,' Stand Up to Domestic Violence



REP. DONNA SCHAIBLEY
Guest Column

October marks National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which helps spread awareness, and lift up and support those who may be in or survived an abusive relationship.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Across the state and our community, there are multiple ways to get involved in the fight against domestic violence.

In Hamilton County, Prevail, Inc. in Noblesville serves as an advocate for victims of crime and abuse by offering free, confidential services to empower, educate and strengthen our community. They also operate a 24-hour crisis line at 317-776-3472. Last year alone, they served nearly 3,500 clients, and 63% of these individuals were adults, teens and children who were victims of family violence.

Every October, Prevail launches its "Go Purple" campaign to engage local businesses and community members to raise awareness of domestic violence and develop effective pre-

vention strategies. Prevail is asking the community to pick a day and wear purple, share their pictures using the hashtag #GoPurplePrevail and include why they're going purple. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Holly Connelly at 317-773-6942 or [hconnelly@prevailinc.org] hconnelly@prevailinc.org.

Across the state, the Julian Center helps victims of domestic abuse through supportive services, education and cooperative partnerships. The Julian Center is the largest domestic violence shelter in Indiana and helped about 3,000 people last year. They also operate a 24-hour hotline, which can be reached at 317-920-9320.

To get involved, you can donate items to the center's wish list, give gently used clothes, home goods and furniture to their Thrifty Threads store, or make a monetary donation. To learn more about how you can get involved, visit juliancenter.org/help-others.

Domestic violence affects Hoosiers across the state, regardless of race, income, age or occupation. No one deserves to be physically or emotionally harmed, and help is available. To connect to resources or find ways to get involved, please contact me at 317-232-9863 or email H24@iga.in.gov.

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

Cityscape Residential, Mayor Jensen Cut the Ribbon on Nexus Apartments



On Tuesday, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen joined Cityscape Residential to celebrate the grand opening of Nexus Apartments, a new "Live Work Play" destination in downtown Noblesville.

Nexus delivers 287 high-end studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments surrounded by parks and trails on Noblesville's west side. The community is located less than 1/2 mile from Federal Hill Commons, and within 1 mile of the City's historic town square.

Nexus was built by Indianapolis-based Cityscape Residential, a full service real estate development and construction firm known for luxury multi-family rental communities throughout the Midwest. The property will be managed by PRAXM Property Management.

Nexus residents will enjoy amenities that support the "Live Work Play" lifestyle, including extensive co-working space for community members, conference rooms, a resort-style swimming pool, a fitness center with digital on-demand workouts and classes, bike storage and repair, a pet spa, dog park, and outdoor grills.

The development helps to advance the City of Noblesville vision for the downtown district, which

includes the creation of more vibrant, livable spaces to support job growth and attract more businesses to the area.

"We're so excited to open the doors on this new community," said Jim Thomas, founder and managing partner of Cityscape Residential.

"Nexus delivers precisely the kind of Live Work Play atmosphere that is appealing to residents today. It's going to be a real draw for people who work in the Hamilton County jobs corridor, and want to enjoy all of the dining, shopping and community already waiting for them in downtown Noblesville."

Nexus Apartments is now leasing - to learn more about the community, visit NexusApt.com.

About Cityscape Residential: Established in 2013, Cityscape Residential is a full service real estate development and construction firm headquartered in Carmel. Known for its award-winning portfolio of luxury multifamily rental communities in the Indianapolis, Louisville, Lexington and Kansas City areas, its principals have been responsible for the successful development and/or financing of several billion dollars' worth of institutional-quality apartments throughout the eastern half of the United States.

For more information, visit cityscaperesidential.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Noblesville Plan Commission Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Applications No. LEGP 0167-2022 on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The application submitted by MAB Capital Investments, LLC (Owners) and EFNK Management, LLC is for approximately 25 acres with a land use category of "single-family/multi-family/office-flex" with a subdistrict overlay of "Mixed Residential/Interchange Flex", all a part of the Corporate Campus Planned Development District for the adoption of a planned development ordinance to include bulk standards, architectural conceptual drawings, preliminary development plan, signage, waivers, stipulations, and/or conditions for approximately 260 units of single-family attached and single-family detached buildings located adjacent to the southeast intersection of E. 141st Street and Marilyn Road, all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.

Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.cityofnoblesville.org_agendas_PlanCommission - October 24, 2022 prior to the meeting date.

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Indiana Farm Bureau Outlines Priorities for Federal Farm Bill

By Casey Smith

Indiana's largest farmer advocacy group says it's prioritizing commodities, conservation and nutrition in its lobbying efforts around the next federal farm bill.

Indiana Farm Bureau, an agricultural organization that seeks to support Hoosier farmers, made the announcement after members of Indiana's congressional delegation spent time during their recent six-week recess to meet with the state's farm bill task force to discuss the next round of agricultural legislation on Capitol Hill.

That included visits from Republican Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun, Republican Rep. Larry Bucshon, and Democratic Rep. Frank J. Mrvan.

The task force, made up of farmers and agricultural professionals from around Indiana, convened in January. Since then, the group has reviewed current farm bill policy, heard from industry experts, and discussed each of the eight main focus areas, or "titles," of the current farm bill to come up with recommendations for Indiana Farm Bureau to prioritize.

What Indiana farmers want most in new legislation

Indiana Farm Bureau representatives said the organization supports additional, new base acres under certain circumstances. Base acres reflect a farm's historical plantings and have a program commodity assigned to each base acre.

Under current law, determining a farm's federal program payment is based on old base acreage data. As a result, many farms today actually plant more acres than what they have in total base acres. An update to those base acres would change the distribution of farm program payments, which could mean more money for farmers.

Indiana Farm Bureau noted that many small tracts of land in the state are coming back into production that previously were pastures, tobacco or hay fields, or used for other purposes. Now those areas are being used to plant program crops.

The organization said it also recommends that any climate change initiatives proposed in the farm bill should not be a prerequisite for any other U.S. Department

of Agriculture (USDA) conservation or crop insurance program. Farmers who spoke at task force meetings earlier this year emphasized that climate change initiatives should instead be voluntary and incentive based.

Despite "some concern with inflation," the nutrition-focused title of the farm bill — which authorizes a number of nutrition and domestic food assistance programs — is "just as important and beneficial to farmers and ranchers and should be included" in the new legislation, according to Indiana Farm Bureau officials.

The policy recommendations will be presented for consideration at the American Farm Bureau Federation's national convention in January.

"Indiana Farm Bureau has always tried to take a proactive role in helping shape legislation that affects farmers," Randy Kron, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, said in a news release. "Agriculture is made up of so many diverse interests, and it is important that Hoosier farmers and midwestern commodities find their voice in federal

policy discussions."

The current U.S. farm bill — the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 — is set to expire next year. Congress updates the legislation every five years.

With the outcomes of November's midterm elections still undecided, that means the next bill draft could be debated under new congressional leadership.

"Writing a farm bill is a long, complex process that is influenced by many different forces," Kron said. "The Senate and House agriculture committees, state and national agriculture groups, environmental groups, nutrition groups and others all participate in the process."

Blcak outlook among farmers

Harvest projections across Indiana are positive this season, thanks in part to cool and dry weather conditions that have helped with fieldwork. Indiana's corn harvest for this season is 16% complete, according to the USDA. So far, 17% of soybeans have been harvested.

But farmer's outlooks on the economy are on the decline, according to economists at Purdue

University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Results from a nationwide survey released Monday showed a growing number of producers are increasingly concerned about the impacts of rising interest rates on their farm operations. The report indicated that 44% of farmers say higher input costs remain their number one concern.

When asked to look ahead to 2023, 38% of producers said they expect input prices to rise from 1% to 9% compared to 2022 prices. Another 10% of farmers who responded to the survey said they think prices could be 20% higher next year.

"Rising input prices are a major concern for our members. We'll work to see if we can find innovative ways to work with both our federal and state lawmakers to find opportunities to reduce input prices," said Andy Tauer, executive director of public policy at Indiana Farm Bureau. "This is an issue that is very important to our members as input costs play directly into long term farm sustainability as well as our ability to bring the next generation back to the farm."

In addition to issues that will be addressed in the federal legislation, Tauer told the Indiana Capital Chronicle that Indiana Farm Bureau will focus on other issues affecting Hoosier farmers, too, once the Indiana Legislature reconvenes in January. Those specific priorities are expected to be released in the coming months.

"As we look toward the upcoming legislative session, rural broadband is something that many of our members continue to discuss. We'll work with state leaders and continue to advocate and share the need for high quality broadband in rural Indiana," Tauer said. "As members deploy more advanced technology on their farms and businesses, it just re-enforces the need for further expansion of broadband."

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Indiana Humanities Awards Over \$70K in Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development Grants

Seventy-seven libraries, schools, colleges and universities and nonprofit organizations across Indiana have been awarded Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development grants, which supply funds to add to their circulating collections digital or physical resources addressing topics such as race, systemic racism and the Black experience in Indiana and beyond.

Among those receiving funds were four local libraries:

- Gal's Guide to the Galaxy, Noblesville, \$1,000
- Ivy Tech Community College, Hamilton County, Noblesville, \$995
- New Britton Elementary School, Fishers, \$525
- Sheridan Public Library, Sheridan, \$1,000

The Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development grants, first offered in response to the 2020 murder of George Floyd and ensuing protests, address the increased demand on libraries for materials on the subject of racial equity. This special grant and associated programs are made possible thanks to the generosity of Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The grants offer up to \$1,000 to add digital or physical resources — including books, films or other materials — to a library's collection. Materials must be selected from among the more than 400 titles on a preapproved list, which has been curated by librarians, historians and humanities scholars.

"We are grateful to provide these grants to increase access to essential resources that will support the growth and diversity of collections in communities across the state," said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. "We thank Lilly Endowment for helping us make this support available to Indiana's schools and libraries and the Hoosiers who rely on them."

The remaining grant recipients are:

- Agape Christian Academy, Evansville, \$800
- The Ark Inc., Evansville, \$700
- Arlington Elementary School, Arlington, \$1,000
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Horizon Bank Welcomes Barbara Maskew as Trust Relationship Manager



Kathleen Snyder, Vice President of Investment Sales and Compliance Manager for Horizon Bank, has announced Barbara Maskew as Trust Relationship Manager. She is located at the Noblesville office at 44 South 8th Street.

Maskew has over twenty-five years of business development and management experience. After graduating from Indiana State University, Maskew started her career as a Bank Business Development Officer and Branch Manager. She later transitioned to an Office Manager and Bookkeeper, and then Marketing and Public Relations Director.

In her new position, Maskew will be providing financial advice and consulting clients, while offering a broad range of Trust and Estate Planning options and account



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From Walkon To NFL? Could Happen Twice In a Row

How often has a college football team had former walkons drafted by the NFL in back-to-back seasons?

The all-knowing Google didn't have an answer for that question but it's looking more and more likely that Purdue can make that unusual claim in the next few months.

In his NFL Draft Watch column, The Athletic's Dane Brugler lists Aidan O'Connell among the eight senior quarterbacks likely to be drafted in 2023. Listed at a verified 6-3, 212 pounds, O'Connell's performance videos surprised the writer.

"O'Connell has terrific passing vision, and although he doesn't have a power arm to consistently drive the ball, he isn't shy about using every inch of the field," Brugler writes. "While he has coordinated pocket movements to negotiate the pass rush, the biggest area where he needs improvement is his ball placement when pressured. Overall, though, O'Connell is razor-sharp and has a pro future thanks to his ability to process and deliver."

If O'Connell is drafted, he'll follow in the footsteps of former walkon fullback Zander Horvath, who has caught two touchdown passes as a seventh-round pick by the Los Angeles Chargers.

O'Connell could become the 15th Purdue quarterback taken in the NFL Draft, a tradition that began in 1949 when Bob DeMoss was selected 13th overall by the New York Bulldogs. The Bulldogs lasted just three seasons before becoming the Dallas Texans in 1952 and evolving into the Baltimore Colts in 1953. By then, DeMoss was on Stu Holcomb's coaching staff at Purdue. DeMoss passed on an opportunity to join the New York Giants in 1950, having his fill of the pro sport after just three games.

Dale Samuels went 28th overall to his hometown Chicago Cardinals in 1953 but played just one game before beginning a long coaching/administrative career.

NFL legend Jim Brown was taken sixth by the Cleveland Browns in the 1957 NFL Draft, just after the Pittsburgh Steelers took Purdue quarterback Len Dawson. The Steelers of the 1950s were a far cry from the dynasty of the 1970s.



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

They somehow managed to misuse Dawson and released another Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas in 1955 because the Steelers coach thought he was not smart enough to quarterback an NFL team.

Rescued from near oblivion by Hank Stram and the AFL, Dawson would become a Super Bowl MVP and pass for 28,711 yards and 239 touchdowns. Dawson was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1987.

The San Francisco 49ers saved the Miami Dolphins from a franchise-altering mistake in the 1967 draft, taking Florida quarterback Steve Spurrier one slot ahead of Miami. Feeling the pressure to draft the local hero, the Dolphins had to settle for Purdue All-American Bob Griese. Two Super Bowl championships and a Pro Football Hall of Fame career was the reward.

Spurrier? He started 38 games in a 10-year NFL career that ended with the hapless 0-14 Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1976. He did far better as a college head coach, going 228-92-2 at Duke, Florida (1996 national champions) and South Carolina.

The fickle finger of fate wasn't as kind to another Purdue All-American. Mike Phipps cost the Cleveland Browns future Hall of Fame wide receiver Paul Warfield to receive the third overall selection in 1970 from Miami. Phipps wasn't the second coming of Otto Graham, while Warfield starred for three Super Bowl teams in Miami.

The next three Purdue quarterbacks taken in the draft, Bo Bobrowski (307th to Baltimore), Craig Nagel (261st overall to Cleveland) and Mark Vitali (261st overall to Kansas City) never played a regular season down.

A one-sided trade altered the career course of another Purdue All-American, Mark Herrmann. Coming off a senior season that saw him set the NCAA career



Bob Griese

passing yards record. Herrmann went 98th overall to Denver in 1981. Before the 1983 season, Herrmann was part of the deal that sent John Elway from the then-Baltimore Colts to Denver.

Herrmann went on to play 12 seasons in the NFL, his final three with the Indianapolis Colts.

Herrmann's successor at Purdue, Scott Campbell, overcame the odds of being selected 191st overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers to play 45 games in the NFL, including 13 starts.

Jim Everett mostly lived up to expectations in Los Angeles. The Rams stole Everett from the Houston Oilers after the Purdue star was taken third overall in 1986. Everett threw for 34,837 yards and 203 touchdowns. Twice, Everett led the NFL in touchdown passes.

San Diego never really gave Drew Brees a chance after making him the first pick of the second round in 2001. The Chargers' loss was New Orleans' gain as Brees turned the Saints from a laughingstock into Super Bowl champions while compiling career totals of 80,358 passing yards and 571 touchdowns. He's a lock for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 2026.

What does Kyle Orton have in common with Rex Grossman, Brian Griese, Jay Cutler, Todd Collins, Caleb Hanie, Josh

McCown, Jason Campbell and Jimmy Clausen?

All nine started at quarterback for the Chicago Bears between 2005, Orton's rookie year in the NFL and his final season with Buffalo in 2014. Orton was the 106th pick overall and part of the trade in 2009 for Cutler, who never won a popularity contest in Chicago.

Orton retired with 18,037 passing yards and 101 touchdown passes, better career numbers than all but Cutler among the unfortunate "Bears 9." Taken 201st overall in 2009, Curtis Painter will be best remembered by NFL fans as the quarterback who allowed the Colts to "tank" the 2010 season and draft Andrew Luck as Peyton Manning's replacement.

Painter also had the misfortune of being the Colts quarterback when team vice chairman Bill Polian and coach Jim Caldwell determined that resting Manning and key starters took priority over a possible 16-0 season. The Colts lost the final two games and later Super Bowl XLIV to New Orleans.

Two undrafted free agents have contributed to Purdue's NFL-best totals of 248,731 yards passing and 1,642 TD passes.

Eight Boilermakers were taken in the 1973 draft but quarterback Gary Danielson wasn't one of them. Danielson joined

the Detroit Lions in 1976 after two seasons in the World Football League. With the Lions and Cleveland over the next 13 years, Danielson threw for 13,764 yards and 81 touchdowns.

David Blough went from undrafted in 2019 to starting the final five games for the Detroit Lions later that year. Let go by the Lions this past August, Blough is now a member of the Minnesota Vikings practice squad.

Shocking move in Wisconsin

About half seriously, when I saw that Illinois defeated Wisconsin 34-10 in Madison on Saturday, I thought "Paul Chryst is in trouble."

Chryst was more than in trouble. One of the most successful coaches in Wisconsin history was fired Sunday night and replaced on an interim basis by defensive coordinator Jim Leonhard.

There is no love lost in Madison for Illinois coach Bret Bielema, the former Badgers coach who shocked his mentor, athletic director Barry Alvarez, and fans by bolting for the Arkansas job in 2012 after leading Wisconsin to the Rose Bowl. Bielema failed miserably in the SEC and got a second chance in the Big Ten two years ago.

This quote from Alvarez in 2012 says a lot: "I'm not saying this negatively because Bret did a good job for us, but I haven't had one person say 'Well, it's too bad Bret left' or 'we're sorry to see Bret leave.' . . . Not one."

Or this quote a few weeks later as reported by the Wisconsin State Journal:

"I just didn't like some of the things that went down afterwards or how he did," Alvarez said, citing Bielema's public complaint regarding assistant coach salaries. "You made the decision to go to Arkansas. Go to Arkansas. Good luck. You don't have to take any swipes. I just didn't appreciate that."

Alvarez may not be in charge of the Wisconsin athletic department any more but this just feels like he had a hand in Chryst's firing. It's going to be a mighty expensive grudge for Wisconsin. ESPN's Adam Rittenberg reports Chryst will receive \$11 million to go away.

Bielema guided Wisconsin to a 68-24

record. Chryst was 67-26 when the axe fell. Those two marks only trail Alvarez's 118-73-4 record.

This could backfire on the Badgers much like Nebraska firing Bo Pelini in 2014 because nine- and 10-win seasons weren't enough. The Cornhuskers are 36-52 since and will have their third different head coach in nine years in 2023.

Unlike several times in Purdue history, the Boilermakers won't be the first opponent to face Wisconsin following Chryst's firing. Purdue, however, will be Leonhard's first home game as head coach following trips Saturday to Northwestern and Oct. 15 to Michigan State.

Happy 20th anniversary

The longest tenured coaching staff in NCAA Power 5 volleyball is being celebrated this week at Purdue.

Head coach Dave Shondell, associate head coach John Shondell and assistant head coach/recruiting coordinator Kathy Jewell are in their 20th year together. Dave Shondell carried a 414-206 record into the 2022 season.

The fifth-ranked Boilermakers (14-1, 5-0 Big Ten) defeated Iowa on Wednesday night and face the reigning national champion Wisconsin Badgers on Saturday night.

To put this staff's longevity in perspective, only eight other coaches in Purdue history lasted 20 or more years on the job. Men's swimming coach Dan Ross will begin his 38th season next week. Tied for second in longevity are men's swimming coach Dick Papenguth and wrestling coach Claude Reeck at 32 seasons each.

Ward "Piggy" Lambert coached basketball for 29 seasons and baseball for 20. Gene Keady (basketball) and Sam Voinoff (men's golf) put in 25 years each. Mike Poehlein (cross country / track and field) and the volleyball program's first coach, Carol Dewey, also reached the 20-year milestone.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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LIFT Academy, Indiana Wesleyan University Partner on New Program

Leadership In Flight Training (LIFT) Academy, one of the largest and most innovative flight training schools in the United States, announced yesterday a partnership with Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) to create two new career paths for aspiring commercial airline pilots.

Starting this November, students will be able to combine LIFT's nationally recognized flight training with IWU's strong academic curriculum to earn two- and four-year degrees while also obtaining their commercial pilot's license while also completing flight training at LIFT. Graduates of the program can move directly from their studies to a defined pathway to the flight deck of a Republic Airways Embraer aircraft.

"We are truly thrilled to be partnering with IWU on this initiative," said Ed Bagden, LIFT's Director of Operations and Academic Programs.

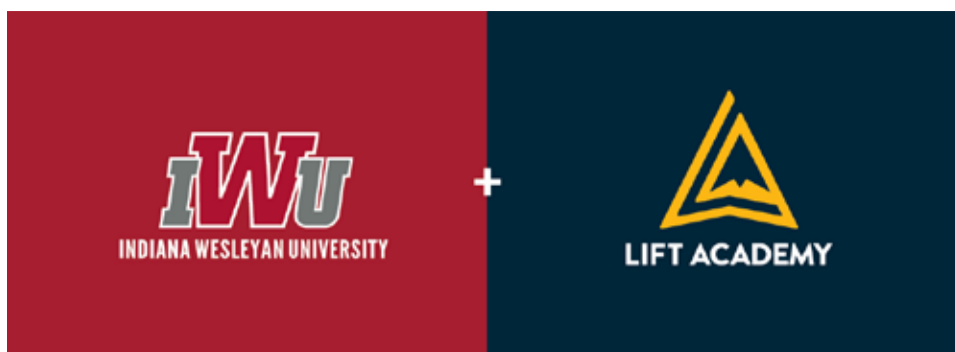
"IWU shares our passion for learning and for creating curricula that instills strong values and lifelong skills. Students enrolling in either of these programs will emerge with an associate or bachelor's degree as well as the experience and training to become a commercial airline pilot."

"Partnering with LIFT

makes sense," said Andy Miller, IWU's Vice President for Innovation and Partnerships. "This partnership empowers students to pursue both academic and flight instruction in a strong, supportive, and cost-effective learning environment. LIFT has created an effective flight training curriculum; the data show that graduates of its programs outperform their peers in the classroom and on the flight deck. Plus, LIFT's ties to its parent, Republic Airways, results in a smooth and integrated pathway from the classroom to the right seat of one of the most advanced commercial aircraft in the world."

Under the program's terms, students can earn their associate and bachelor's degrees online from regionally accredited IWU, while simultaneously working toward their commercial pilot's license and other FAA ratings. Flight training occurs early in both programs so students can build flight hours and experience while they finish their degree.

The associate-level professional pilot program is a two-year program designed to let students pursue professional pilot jobs and other careers in the aviation industry. The bachelor's program takes approximately four years



to complete and provides students with an undergraduate degree in aviation management.

At the end of either program, students will graduate with:

- An FAA-issued private pilot certificate
- An FAA-issued instrument rating
- An FAA-issued commercial certificate
- An associate or bachelor's degree from IWU

LIFT's training fleet is one of the largest and newest in the flight training environment. Students operate an efficient, lead-free fleet of Diamond DA40-NG single-engine aircraft and Diamond DA42-VI twin-engine aircraft with advanced Garmin G1000 avionics throughout each flight hour of their training curriculum.

Flight training from zero experience through all ratings necessary for the airlines can be completed through the Republic Airways Career Pathway

Program. LIFT is the only flight training program that has a curriculum built specifically around procedures at its related regional airline, Republic Airways.

As a result, students receive the highest quality instruction using state-of-the-art technology and aircraft from day one in the program. Once students have reached the FAA-required flight hours through time-building, they will have a defined pathway to a pilot position at Republic.

About LIFT Academy: Leadership In Flight Training (LIFT) Academy is a U.S.-based commercial aviation pilot training school owned by Republic Airways. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, LIFT revolutionizes commercial aviation training, utilizing state-of-the-art, eco-friendly training technologies, and systems to educate future aviators. Students receive

instruction from experienced pilots, under FAA and industry standards, with the most advanced equipment and curriculum that combines flight, flight simulator, online, and in-classroom training.

LIFT Academy students train on a fleet of advanced new aircraft and flight simulators produced by Diamond Aircraft Industries, including the DA40 single-engine, the DA42 twin-engine aircraft, and the DA20 single-engine, as well as Diamond Flight Simulation Training Devices built to achieve the most realistic cockpit simulation environment. LIFT offers its graduates a defined pathway to a pilot career at Republic Airways.

About Indiana Wesleyan University:

Indiana Wesleyan University celebrates 100 years as a Christian, global, comprehensive university providing liberal arts and professional education

to approximately 10,000 students worldwide.

IWU is one of the largest faith-based universities in America with rich undergraduate, graduate, master's, and doctoral programs in such highly acclaimed academic units as the School of Nursing, School of Physical and Applied Sciences, College of Adult and Professional Studies, and School of Arts and Humanities. An early leader in adult and online education, IWU is known for excellence in innovation. Students live and learn on the beautiful 350-acre IWU-Marion traditional campus and study through IWU-National & Global programs offered online and at education centers in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University, founded by the Wesleyan Church denomination and IWU, prepares Christian leaders to engage in missional ministry locally and globally. Indiana Wesleyan University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. It is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information, visit indwes.edu.

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Bring your carved pumpkin for pumpkin-carving contest, plus watch professional carving pumpkin demonstrations tonight during Noblesville Main Street's Fall Festival on the Courthouse Square.

en at 9th and Conner streets until 8 p.m. Local magician Josh Cecil will perform in the East Alley. Bring your carved pumpkin for pumpkin-carving contest, plus professional carving demonstration, and see all of the Scarecrows on the Square and which won the Scarecrow Contest.

2. Choose from 16 spooktacular nights of the 39th annual Headless Horseman at Conner Prairie, which kicked off Thursday and continues through Oct. 29 in Fishers. Explore the mystery of Amsel Farm and an 11-acre haunted corn maze, enjoy sweet treats at the Apple Store, operated by the Conner Prairie Alliance, celebrating its 40th anniversary. Also, enjoy games, rides and Headless Horseman-themed performances.

3. The Hyperion Players present "Barefoot in the Park," directed by Ian Hauer of Noblesville, today and Saturday at The



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Anna Himes (as Corie Bratter) and Zach Catlin (as Paul Bratter) rehearse for The Hyperion Players' "Barefoot in the Park," directed by Ian Hauer of Noblesville, with shows today and Saturday at The Switch Theatre at Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers.

7. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. It's the second to last market of the season; the final market will be Oct. 15.

8. Join the Hamilton County 5K for Food Security at 9 a.m. Saturday at Dr. James A. Dillion Park in Noblesville for an entry fee of \$35, a fundraiser for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, with registration at <https://hch-foodbank.org/>

9. Shop at the Fishers High School Christmas in October Craft Fair, hosted by Fishers Band Boosters, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Fishers High School

10. Noblesville Preservation Alliance presents the re-creation of the 1938 Orson Wells radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds," at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday (evening is sold out) at Preservation Hall in Noblesville. Reserve your \$10 tickets

at <https://preservation-hall.org/event/war-of-the-worlds>. 11. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

12. Carousel Corner is open at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends through Oct. 23, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf.

13. Hamilton County Parks' Koteewi Aerial Adventure (Edge Adventures), K-Trails Equestrian Adventures, Koteewi Range Sport & Target Archery Center and Koteewi Lake are all open for the season. CHECK THIS

14. Carmel Community Players presents "Tick, Tick ... BOOM!" musical Oct. 14-23 at The Switch Theatre in Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers with tickets available at <https://carmelplayers.org/>



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Miranda Nickerson as Emily Webb and Marie McNelis as Mrs. Webb rehearse for Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" presented by Poet-Ape Productions of Chicago, at 7:30 p.m. today in the Lacey Building (former Kirk Hardware) and Saturday in the South Alley, both on the Square.

15. Take a ride on Nickel Plate Express' Wizard Express or any different train rides. Pumpkin Spice Express rides in October. Trick-or-Treat on the Rails, Oct. 29-30. Check availability at <https://nickelplateexpress.com/>

16. Visit Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park, title sponsored by Hallmark Orthodontics, at 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at Cool Creek Park in Westfield. Spooky, yet age-appropriate Halloween activities will be offered for children ranging from preschool to school ages and their families. You are welcome to come in your costumes and enjoy nature interpretation, entertainment, a hayride, food for purchase, and activities for the little ones as they trick-or-treat their way through this spooky event.

17. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk select Fridays, on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with two more movies, "Hocus Pocus," Oct. 28; and "Elf," Dec. 2.

18. Celebrate Halloween during Noblesville Preservation Alliance's entertaining evening exploring murder ballads music genre during "Murder in Noblesville" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 29 at Preservation Hall, with tickets \$10 each at <https://preservationhall.org/>

19. Enjoy a free Fall Festival at 3 p.m. Oct. 29 at Harbour Shores Church in Noblesville.

20. Take in Noblesville Main Street's First Friday Holiday Open Houses at 5 p.m. Nov. 4 in downtown Noblesville.

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Health Tech Startup Advancing Future-Focused Innovation

RxLightning, a health technology company, announced plans earlier this week to expand in southern Indiana, designating New Albany as the startup's headquarters and creating up to 175 new, high-wage jobs by the end of 2025.

"As a state, Indiana is committed to cultivating innovators and fostering entrepreneurs, and the results are telling," said Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb. "Startups like RxLightning are not only powering new solutions, but they're also providing critical services to patients in need while creating high-skilled, high-wage career opportunities for Hoosiers."

"RxLightning is a perfect example of how Indiana innovators are advancing the industries of the future," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "The company's solutions, powered by skilled and hardworking Hoosiers, are helping patients access life-saving treatments. Indiana is a leader in medical devices and pharmaceuticals, and now we're the ideal destination for growing health tech companies like RxLight-



ning."

RxLightning, which was founded in 2020 in Greenville, Indiana, will invest significant resources to establish its headquarters in downtown New Albany, leasing, renovating and equipping an historic, three-story building at 227 Pearl Street. The company, which provides digital solutions to make specialty drug enrollment more efficient, will invest in additional computers, hardware and software to support its growing team and its growing network of providers who utilize its platform. RxLightning plans to move into its new space later this year.

"This is an incredibly exciting move for RxLightning," said Julia Regan, co-founder and CEO of RxLightning. "Our new expanded headquarters will allow us to continue our growth

and work collaboratively to accelerate the speed at which patients get access to medicine they need. The state of Indiana, the city of New Albany and One Southern Indiana have been amazing partners in this endeavor. We considered other locations, but we're thrilled to remain here in southern Indiana."

RxLightning has grown significantly since its founding, raising \$8.5 million in funding from investors around the world while growing its team by approximately 50% so far this year. RxLightning will continue to hire for software engineers, implementation managers, business development leaders, marketing experts, among many other roles. Interested applicants can email connect@rxlightning.com.

RxLightning's plat-

form streamlines the specialty drug enrollment process for both doctors and patients, reducing paperwork and cutting the enrollment time from weeks to hours. The digitized, single solution, which is free for providers and patients, supports more than 1,200 specialty medications, helping patients get access to the treatments they need even faster. RxLightning has been named one of the fastest growing companies in Louisville by Louisville Business First, and the company received the tech product of the year and startup of the year awards at the 2022 TechPoint Mira Awards earlier this year.

"This news represents another milestone for the city and the region," said Jeff Gahan, Mayor of the city of New Albany. "We welcome RxLightning to our downtown as they

continue to build on their success and growth."

Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors, the IEDC will commit an investment in RxLightning of up to \$4 million in conditional tax credits based on the company's creation plans. The tax credits are performance-based, meaning RxLightning is eligible to claim incentives once eligible employees are hired. The city of New Albany approved additional incentives to support training and workforce development.

About RxLightning

RxLightning was co-founded by CEO Julia Regan and CTO Brad Allen to create a world where every patient gets accelerated access to the therapies they need, through the creation of a single destination for

specialty prescriptions that makes the enrollment process easy, automated and as seamless as possible. The free-to-provider digital platform streamlines the specialty medication enrollment process in every therapeutic area to reduce paperwork, eliminate mistakes, streamline communication and accelerate the time to life-altering therapies for patients.

About IEDC

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

Purdue University's Next Big Move: A New School of Business

Purdue's next big move in a decade-long series of major strategic investments will reimagine its current School of Management into a new School of Business that will redefine the preparation of business leaders for today's technology-driven world and tomorrow's unknowns.

Plans were announced Friday (Sept. 23) for the new school, which will be supported by a substantial university investment along with a major fundraising effort designed to reengineer a top-ranked School of Business that will prepare tomorrow's leaders and entrepreneurs, grounded in the hallmarks of a Purdue education, including STEM disciplines and business analytics.

"Students in Purdue's new School of Business will receive a well-rounded education, including the history, philosophy



and economic theory of free market systems, and a firm grounding in the liberal arts and the communication skills that come with it," Purdue President Mitch Daniels said. "They will enter the world proud of the careers they have chosen and thoroughly prepared for leadership and managerial excellence in the most technologically complex fields."

Amid declines in college-going rates nationwide, Purdue's School of Management has grown by nearly 33% since 2019. Pur-

due believes now is the time to capitalize on that momentum with a new School of Business, which will further expand the student body and faculty, and double the size of the facility through expansion and renovation.

The school will build on Purdue's recently inaugurated Integrated Business and Engineering (IBE) degree, highly ranked Business Analytics programs, the new Dean V. White Real Estate Finance program, and the Larsen Leaders Academy, further propelled by a new \$10 million gift from Marshall and Susan Larsen celebrated on Friday night, to create a competitive advantage for students, letting them take the next giant leap into the future of business.

Long named the Purdue School of Management with the graduate school

bearing the Krannert name, the new entity as a whole will be known initially as the Purdue School of Business. Purdue is targeting Fall 2023 for its first phase of enhancements, involving student enrollment growth and the addition of targeted faculty, as well as curricular and experiential education additions.

The advances of science across almost all economic sectors have created the need for business leaders who can understand not only the data in front of them, but where the next breakthrough may come from. Students who master the skills of gathering big data and using it to drive business decisions become the most valuable working professionals of today and tomorrow. Graduates from Purdue's new School of Business will be uniquely posi-

tioned to bring discoveries to the marketplace, scale up innovations and effect societal change.

President-elect Mung Chiang said, "Purdue will have a world-class business school through this relaunch, one that will carry out top-caliber research and educate many students who will be excellent at, and proud of, creating business growth and opportunities."

Historically, Purdue has celebrated many graduates who have become CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, with eight alumni currently serving in that role, as measured by Academic Influence. The move toward a new School of Business further builds on a standard of excellence at Purdue, beginning with the Engineering fields, where both the graduate (4th) and undergraduate (9th) de-

gree programs are ranked nationally.

Purdue was the only university selected recently by Fast Company as a "Brand That Matters," joining well-known businesses like Ford, McDonald's, Nike and 3M, and was recently named America's No. 4 most trusted public university by Morning Consult. It is also recognized as a Top Ten Public University by the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education and a Top Ten Most Innovative University for five years straight by U.S. News & World Report.

During the last five years, Purdue University has grown 23%, with a population of just over 50,000 students. It is ranked in the Top 5 for graduating STEM majors — 71% of its 2022 graduates earned STEM degrees.



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Tim Timmons Has Got the To Do Flu, Do You?

I got the to-do flu?
How about you?
Got too many things to do?
Got you down, got you blue?
Sort of feels like the flu?
How do you do!
Guess I was channeling my inner Dr. Seuss. But there are a bunch of topics to catch up on. So without further ado . . .



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

I HATE TO SEE Sen. Boots retire. Full disclosure, he is not just a shareholder in the company that owns The Little Paper That Could, but he is someone I look up to. He's taught me a lot about business over the last 18 years and, as Sen. Luke

Kenley told me once, Boots might be one of the smartest guys in the Senate. I would not disagree. He did not run for re-election last time, so when the voting is all said and done in November he'll become former Sen.

Phil Boots. That also means Montgomery County will lose a favorite son representing our interests in Indy.

YOU KNOW me. Every now and then I just can't help but comment on sports news. But the recent death of a high school football player in a game in the panhandle of Texas is too much. A lifetime or two ago I used to be the sports editor of the Odessa American, a wonderful newspaper in the middle of west Texas and not too far away from where this game occurred. It is maddening to find out that another young person lost their life to a

head injury. When will high school, college and professional football governing bodies wake up? The thing that no one ever seems to talk about is that racing helmets are designed to handle 200+ mph collisions with brick walls. How many racers do you hear with severe concussions, lifelong brain issues and even death from head injuries. How is it that the manufacturers of racing helmets can figure this out but football helmets can't seem to survive two players running into each other at perhaps a combined speed of 30 or 40 mph? Somebody, anybody, **FIX THIS!**

SPEAKING OF football, can anyone tell me what is wrong with Noblesville High School football? The Millers, once a proud program, have not had a winning seasons in the last two decades. A quick look at a web site maintained by the magnificent John Harrell shows the last winning season at NHS was in 2001 - no one on the roster was even born. No winning seasons in two decades? Look, it may not be world peace were talking about here, but not one winning season since 2001? When is someone going to do something?

WANT TO GO along on a trip with me? Well, at least in spirit? This November, I am hoping to begin a pilgrimage that I can share with you through words and pictures. Stay tuned for more details.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Thursdays in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Hopping On Gig Economy



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

When traveling home after a ball game, we often stop at a certain national pizza franchise for a late supper. This particular restaurant normally stays open past midnight -- a significant criterion for finding a satisfying meal after the game. We like eating there because the room exudes a fun atmosphere. It's always alive with buoyant kids and bedraggled parents absorbed in their own post-game reverie. So, it was with much surprise that when we stopped in, last week, the place was as dark as Hitler's heart. It wasn't closed, but the employees were only passing pizzas to the hungry motorists in the drive-thru. "Is the dining room open?" I asked when it became our turn in line. "Oh, no sir," the young man said, somewhat in a tone of disbelief that I had even asked the question. "We close the dining room at 2 p.m., right after the buffet comes down." "Seriously? Two o'clock?" "Yes, we can't find employees willing to work Friday nights," he said. "How do these folks earn enough money to live?" I asked. I eyeballed the deep-dish pizza the

lady behind him was boxing up. "Well, many of our employees find gig work on the side," he said. "A friend who works here has her own TikTok channel, and models women's golf apparel for a major brand. Monica, behind me here, also is a Spark delivery driver for Walmart, and my friend Danny makes extra money testing video games on his live stream. He hopes he can get enough followers to quit this job, though." I couldn't believe it. Here I was, famished, and all that these people could think of was making money. The Gig Economy was ruining my life, not to mention my nourishment. The Gig Economy, if you didn't know, is the concept of abandoning a salaried or hourly job in favor of earning money independently, one job -- or gig -- at a time. You lose the cozy benefits and regular paycheck of working for someone else, but gain the autonomy of working for yourself, making your own decisions and knowing that it's OK if the boss sleeps with your wife. I shouldn't criticize. Most of my income comes from gig work -- although in my day, we called it working freelance. I've been a freelance writer, a freelance graphic designer and a freelance caregiver. Earlier this year, while taking time off to begin writing my first novel, I even signed up as a food delivery person for DoorDash. It was fun for a while, but I never made much money at it. My best tip was four dollars and a

warning not to eat the sushi from Wild Jim's BBQ Hacienda. My problem with the Gig Economy may be the name itself. I never hear the word "gig" that I don't think of my buddy Mark and I gigging frogs in the little stream behind his house. We'd ambush the croakers, and take the big ones back to his Dad. He cleaned them, and fried them up for supper. The little ones, Mark slipped back into the water, but not before ripping off their right hind leg. It was widely held in those days that frogs regenerated missing appendages, and although certainly cruel, it was a good way to increase the frog leg harvest by a quarter. Even though I could never bring myself to lop off a limb, I was certainly an accessory to the amphibious amputations. To this day, I often have nightmares that I'll be greeted at the Pearly Gates by thousands of one-legged frogs demanding their legs back. A problem with a three-legged frog is that they can't swim forward. Without a right leg, the frog's natural swimming stroke propels them around and around. I kinda feel like this might happen to the Gig Economy, too. When the recession peaks, and disposable income becomes scarce, the gig opportunities likely will disappear. I'm afraid that people will be clamoring for jobs that might no longer exist. And at that point, like the three-legged frog, we will notice that we have come full circle.

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Big Day in Indiana Land Conservation Benefits All

By **Cliff Chapman, Executive Director, Central Indiana Land Trust**

Indiana just experienced its biggest day ever for land conservation. I'll forgive readers if they didn't know that. But I'll also assure them that they and their fellow Hoosiers will benefit from that day -- literally -- forever. On Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Next Level Conservation Trust Project Committee met and decided how to distribute more than \$23 million of the \$25 million the State of Indiana set aside for land conservation in the biannual budget passed last year. With the help of those funds, portions of the Indiana landscape will be protected in perpetuity by land trusts across the state. To the state government's credit, when it put out requests for proposals for these funds, it told land protection groups to "dream big." And we did. The conservation community identified swaths of ancient forest, vibrant wetlands, unique geological formations, endangered species' habitat and other important natural places, many that we thought we might never have the resources to purchase and protect. The requests totaled more than \$30 million. This doesn't mean that organizations simply found ways to spend money. The Next Level Conservation

Trust provides up to three-to-one matching grants, which means that every organization that requested funds also committed to raising money from donors. The result is that in the near future more money than ever will be used to purchase significant parcels of Indiana's natural areas and place them into protective care forever. Hoosiers will have opportunities to enjoy pristine natural areas, to experience Indiana's native flora and fauna, and also to benefit from improved water and air quality well beyond those properties. The funding was distributed from among divisions of the state's Department of Natural Resources adding to parks, forests, fish and wildlife areas and nature preserves as well as county and local parks and multiple land trusts from across the state. This is a big deal because these latter properties will be open to the public but their ongoing care will not require tax dollars. For example, the Central Indiana Land Trust is using its \$3.1 million to help purchase and protect land just west of Greencastle in Putnam County. A 570-acre site known as Fern Station, this property has been on our wish list for more than a decade because it represents classic Indiana forestland and serves as home to a num-

ber of rare and endangered species. It sits virtually undisturbed now -- with only a single gravel road cutting through it -- but, unable to find a buyer, the landowner had been considering dividing the land into parcels for sale. Without the help of state funds, we might never have been able to raise enough money to protect the property, which will represent the largest single land purchase in our history. And, because it sits near another protected property -- the Fern Cliff Nature Preserve -- it helps to increase the critical mass of protected land in that area. With the funds from the Next Level Conservation Trust, similar transactions will take place across the state, bringing thousands of acres of land under protection. This is a critical step at a time when we lag well behind other states in terms of protected land and continue to lose thousands of acres to development every year. We applaud Indiana's leaders for making these funds available for investment in the future of Indiana's natural places, and we thank the generous land preservation supporters across the state for providing the matching funds needed to make these purchases possible. Together, we are all working to preserve the best of Indiana's natural legacy

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Ask Rusty – Veteran Asks About Disability and Ex-Spouse Benefits

Dear Rusty: I am a military veteran with a total & permanent disability. I was married for over ten years to a military man who has since honorably separated from military service. I was originally on Social Security disability, which automatically converted to regular Social Security retirement benefits when I turned 65 -- with the amount remaining at the "disabled" level instead of the "regular" rate based on my Social Security employment contribution record. Why wasn't my "regular" Social Security rate used when I turned 65? Also, I contacted Social Security regarding my ex-husband's Social Security since I was married to him for over 10 years but was told I am

not entitled to a portion of his Social Security benefit. Why not? I was told the amount I would receive wouldn't subtract from his SS entitlement. *Signed: Disabled Veteran*

Dear Disabled Veteran: First, I want to thank you for your service to our country. Your sacrifice is sincerely appreciated, and I'll be honored to answer your Social Security questions. Regarding your current Social Security amount versus your previous disability amount, the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefit you were receiving was, in fact, the amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age, even though you claimed disability benefits earlier.



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Your SSDI benefit, when awarded, was computed using your entire lifetime earnings history up to the point that you became disabled, resulting in you getting your earned full amount as your disability benefit before you reached your full retirement age. And that is why the amount stayed the same when it automatically converted to your normal

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor

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SS retirement benefit (at your full retirement age which, by the way, was 66 if you were born before 1955). Said simply, SSDI is the full Social Security amount you have earned up to the point you stopped earning, so it stays the same when you reach your full retirement age.

As for additional benefits from your ex-husband,

although you meet the length of marriage rule for ex-spouse benefits, there are additional criteria as well - you must not have remarried and remained so, and your ex-husband must be already receiving his own Social Security benefit (unless you've been divorced at least two years, in which case your ex need only be eligible to collect). But you can only

get an additional benefit, known as a "spousal boost," if you meet all the other criteria and half (50%) of the benefit your ex-husband is/was entitled to at his full retirement age is more than your current Social Security benefit. Since Social Security said you aren't entitled to an ex-spouse benefit, you apparently do not meet all of the eligibility criteria mentioned above. And to address your last point, if you had met all criteria and been entitled to an ex-spouse benefit it, indeed, would not have affected your ex-husband's benefit in any way.

Again, please accept my sincere gratitude for your military service. You may wish to visit the "For Veterans" section at our www.amacfoundation.org website.

Former Governor, Purdue President Mitch Daniels to Lead Discussion With Ukrainian Scholars

A panel discussion in the form of a fireside chat with Purdue University President Mitch Daniels at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, will feature three participants in the Purdue Ukrainian Scholars Initiative.

The hourlong event, which is free and open to the public, will be at Hiler Theater in Purdue's Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC). The discussion will be led by Daniels and include a brief overview of the Purdue Ukrainian Scholars Initiative, which was created after Russia's invasion of the Eastern European country on Feb. 24.

Purdue's program, launched March 25, is one of the first, largest and most ambitious of any other university-led program in the United States.

Panelists from the Ukrainian Scholars Initiative set to join Daniels are:

Yaryna Borenko, a trainer and advisor for the Skills Lab at the Women's League of Donechchyna in Mariupol, whose expertise is focused on human rights and citizenship. She is continuing

her academic pursuits through the Human Rights Program, housed in Purdue's Department of Philosophy in the College of Liberal Arts.

Tetiana "Tanya" Gordienko, who is continuing her doctoral studies in media consumption and literacy from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy through Purdue's Brian Lamb School of Communication in the College of Liberal Arts.

Illia Kuznietsov, an associate professor of neuroscience at Volyn National University in Lutsk, who was here on a yearlong U.S. Fulbright fellowship with Purdue's Department of Psychological Sciences in the College of Health and Human Sciences when the war broke out in February. His stay here was extended through the Ukrainian Scholars Initiative.

"The goal of this discussion is to introduce these impressive and courageous Ukrainian women and men to our community, highlighting their deep scholarship in a variety of disciplines and getting at least a glimpse of their incredible stories and the odds they have

overcome simply to be in the United States and escape the horrors from Russia's military invasion," Daniels said.

"By their very presence at Purdue through our unique program, these Ukrainian scholars personify the quest for freedom and serve as living reminders to our students and members of the community who have never seen what real oppression looks like and how precious and fragile true freedom really is."

The program will include questions from students submitted in advance. The Purdue event, which also will be livestreamed, coincides with the Ukrainian national holiday, Day of the Defender, which is celebrated on Oct. 14.

Purdue launched its Ukrainian Scholars Initiative in an effort to help faculty and PhD students whose academic pursuits have been derailed by the conflict. Seven scholars are here now, while three others are expected to arrive at Purdue in the near future to resume their research for at least the next 12 months.

The scholars' impressive scholarship stretches

across a diversity of disciplines — from chemistry, library sciences, psychology, linguistics, communication, sociology and neuroscience to political science, management, history, and earth and planetary sciences.

In all, Purdue received more than 100 inquiries from scholars in Ukraine interested in participating in the program.

The United Nations estimates there have been nearly 14,200 Ukrainian casualties since the start of the war, with children accounting for nearly 1,000 of the more than 5,800 deaths. As many as 25,000 Russian soldiers are reported to have been killed so far.

At the same time, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that more than 8.7 million people have fled Ukraine and over 8 million Ukrainians are internally displaced, representing the fastest forced population movement since World War II.

The destruction has already cost Ukraine at least \$113.5 billion, and the country may need more than \$200 billion to rebuild.

New Resource Helps Homeowners Make Solar Energy Choices

By Lindsay Mouw, policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

Residential solar energy is booming. According to the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), residential solar installations grew 30% from 2020 to 2021. The increase is partially due to the cost of solar panels becoming more affordable.

Over the last decade, the cost of residential solar systems has dropped 64% according to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. The Inflation Reduction Act, which extends the Investment Tax Credit for another 10 years and increases the tax refund from 26% to 30% of the costs of the solar installation, is expected to cause solar costs to fall even more.

When deciding whether to install solar panels, home and business owners should consider their average monthly electricity usage, the amount of sunlight the structure's roof receives, and whether there is a local net-metering policy. All of these factors determine the amount of time it will take

to see a payback on the investment.

While solar installation companies can assist with this process, with the increase in demand, there has also come an increase in companies looking to make a quick buck. Often, if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Therefore, it is important for home and business owners to do their research.

In March, SEIA released a Residential Guide to Solar Power to help customers identify all of the factors to consider before entering into an agreement with a solar installation company. The guide includes a list of important questions to ask the company to ensure the options and agreement are understood.

It's also a good practice to request local references to learn about their experience.

Now is a great time to consider investing in solar energy. Taking the time to research solar installation companies lays the groundwork for a successful experience.

Try To Make Today A Good Day

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Life is one day at a time. You don't have tomorrow. You hope for tomorrow but it's not guaranteed. We plan for tomorrow. We save for tomorrow and look forward to tomorrow.

Today is what we have. If today is the last day of your life, how is it going? If you knew for sure, how would you want to spend your last precious 24 hours? You wouldn't be planning next year's vacation. No, you would want to get in all that you could possibly do. Only you know for sure how you would want to spend your day and everyone is different. Maybe you would spend your day with loved ones or maybe you would want to be strolling in the mountains or by the oceanside. Maybe you would want to spend your day eating ice cream, hamburgers and pizza. If it's your last day then why not?

I like ice cream, hamburgers and pizza but my doctor doesn't recommend them as a daily diet because of the hopes of tomorrow. There are ways that we can shorten our days and too much of what we enjoy is not always very good for us.

Since life is one day at a time, we can't go back and repeat yesterday. All the good you did is in the past. All the mistakes you made are in the past. You can spend the rest of your life wishing you could repeat high school, college or an old relationship. Actually, you are better off if you don't sit around and think about it all the time. It's good to remember the good memories of family, friends, life's successes



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

and joys but they are in the past. This often makes us sad because we know we can't relive some of those great moments of life. It's best to give thanks for them and move forward.

Today is a good day to make some more memories – good ones. Living your life today regardless of what you are doing is the life you have. Make the best of it by enjoying your life. Do what you enjoy. Be good to yourself. Don't beat up on yourself. Don't live your life fighting with others. Do your work. Find joy in your work or move on to a work that you do enjoy. Find ways to reduce stress and to be happy.

Keep in mind that you can't make everyone else happy and don't take on everyone else's problems. You probably have enough of your own.

Be patient. All good things take time if they are worthwhile.

Finally, just in case you do live a bunch more years, live today in such a way, that you can look back to today and remember it as a good day.

Here Dr. Mollette each weekday at 8:56, 11:30 EST on XM radio 131. Contact him at GMollette@aol.com. Learn more at www.glenmollette.com

Randall on the Importance of Keeping One's Word

I placed the call and said, "I know you stole the money. You were the only one that had access to it. It better find its way back here by 5 o'clock, or you will be dealing with a greater worry."

Of course, the person denied the charge, but amazingly, the money found its way back where it belonged and that person was never again welcomed into my home.

My parents, who were part of the greatest generation, taught me plan and simple, as their parents did before them, all you really have in the world is your word. By keeping your word, you show others you have integrity. By having integrity, then you gain the power of others' trust.

"Your word is your bond," my grandfather would say. And if someone lied to you, or lied to someone else about you, those were offenses that required quick and stern retribution against the other party.

In my grandfather's day,



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columnist

let's just say sometimes that included some fist to cuffs.

Now, let me be the first to say, I would not advocate for violence in this instance, but in my grandfather's day fist to cuffs was the lesser means of regaining one's honor considering many still had a gun on their hip or within reach.

Nevertheless, I carry the same attitude that when someone tells you something, it is the gospel; and I am finding more and more as I deal with folks today, that sadly, keeping their word is not a requirement for life. In fact, to many who are part of the

millennial generation, the truth is an abstract that moves and flows depending on whatever is best for their situation.

Please do not get me wrong, I am not painting an entire generation with this brush, I have found those who do keep their word are punctual, proficient in their efforts and desire to have a good reputation.

Sadly, though, there are many who are drawn more to saying and doing what is convenient at the moment.

So I don't leave anyone out, I am sure that we can find large numbers of baby boomers, Gen-Xers and Zs who also are dishonest, just as the childhood acquaintance mentioned above. I just seem in my own personal experience to find fewer of them. Sometimes I wonder if all the generations have adopted these traits as they have watched the permeation of reality TV and the train wrecks of lives that entertain millions often propelled by the drama

of a liar, a cheat or some other malcontent.

While these are simply meanderings of my thoughts influenced by my experiences, I hope your life is less impacted by lying.

If you have influence over some younger person, teach him or her by example. Treat others with the respect of being honest and share a lifetime of integrity with them. I pray that for all of you and your families, the truth will always set you free.

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